Metalling the Neyyattinkara-Moolayikonam road.

32. *Mr. N. K. **Padmanabha Pillai** : With regard to the Neyyattinkara-Moolayikonam road, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that representations for metalling the said road were repeatedly made to Government since the last several years ;

(*b*) whether estimates were prepared for metalling the road ; and

(*c*) what action, if any, was taken in the matter ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The estimate is under consideration.

Metalling the Neyyattinkara-Poovar road.

33. *Mr. N. K. **Padmanabha Pillai** With regard to the metalling of the Neyyattinkara-Poovar road, will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether a portion of the road has been metalled, and, if so, when ; and

(*b*) what is the delay in metalling the whole length ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Yes, in 1109.

(*b*) Want of funds.

Preparation of the index of the Government Gazette.

34. *Mr. **M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any special staff had been appointed or deputed to prepare the index of Government Gazettes ;

(*b*) if so, when, and the date up to which the indexing has been done ; and

(*c*) whether copies of such indexes are available for sale to the public ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) A temporary additional clerk on Rs.20 per mensem has been appointed.

(*b*) The clerk was appointed from 10-7-1109. Indexes up to 1106 and the index for 1109 have been prepared so far. Copies of index for 1102 have been printed while the index for the year 1103 is taken up for printing.

(*c*) No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Have indexes been prepared for the years 1107 and 1108 ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : They are being prepared. The clerk in charge of the work is expected to finish it before the end of Makaram this year.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Have the Government any objection in making copies of these indexes available to the public ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : The matter will be considered

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Are the Government aware that, since the tables of contents of parts III and IV of the Gazette are not complete, much difficulty is experienced in making references to the Gazette ?

President : The Government member will make a note of it

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know why copies o the indexes are not being sold to the public ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : Government do not consider it necessary to do so.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Why not ?

President : Was there any demand from the public ? That is the question.

Mr. T. C. Thommen : There was no demand, Sir.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Why then are these indexes prepared, Sir ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen ; For Government use.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know the number of copies printed ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : I believe, about 400.

Qualification of teachers for promotion as Assistant Inspectors.

35. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have fixed any maximum period of service for teachers to entitle them to be appointed as Assistant Inspectors, and, if so, what is the period ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharn : *First Part.* No.

Second Part. This does not arise in view of the answer to the first part.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : What is the general rule as regards the period of service required for a teacher being appointed as Assistant Inspector ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : There is no general rule for the purpose. Experienced teachers are recruited as Assistant Inspectors.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know what, in the opinion of the member, is the experience necessary to entitle a teacher to be appointed as Assistant Inspector ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : I do not think any teacher is entitled to be appointed as Assistant Inspector. The question of the experience required for the purpose is a matter of opinion.

President : Apparently, Mr. Narayana Aiyar's question is whether any period has been fixed by the department for this purpose.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : No, Sir ; I have already stated that.

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